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SUBJ: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1975

FOR BREMER AND COVEY FROM S/PRS

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF SPOKESMAN ANDERSON'S RESPONSES AT TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING:

- 1. TURKISH BASES -- PRESS QUESTIONS CENTERED ON REPORTED COMMENTS BY TURKISH AMBASSADOR AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING THAT THE U.S. HAD VIOLATED ITS UNDERTAKING IN THE UNPUBLISHED 1969 DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY TO PROVIDE AID FOR TURKISH DEFENSE. ANDERSON SAID THAT WE COULD NOT MAKE AVAILABLE THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT AS IT WAS CLASSI-FIED: HE DID NOT WISH TO DISAGREE WITH THE THRUST OF THE AMBASSADOR'S REPORTED COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE PROBLEM INVOLVED UNDELIVERED EQUIPMENT BOUGHT AND PAID FOR BY THE TURKS. ANDERSON RECALLED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS A REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL. REGARD ING THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS THAT THE 1969 AGREE-MENT WAS INVALID. WE STOOD ON YESTERDAY'S STATEMENT.
- 2. HAWKS FOR JORDAN -- REGARDING REPORTS THAT THE JCS DISAGREED WITH STATE'S BELIEF THAT THREE TO SIX, RATHER THAN FOURTEEN, HAWK BATTERIES NECESSARY FOR JORDAN;S DEFENS UNCLASSIFIED

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NEEDS, ANDERSON REFUSED TO GET INTO NUMBERS BUT EMPHASIZED

ON THE LETTER OF OFFER SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS. ANDERSON SAID SAME LETTER WOULD BE RESUBMITTED NOW, DURING THE

AUGUST RECESS AND IF NECESSARY WHEN CONGRESS RECONVENES IN SEPTEMBER.

- 3. CUTTING OF AP WIRES TO INDIA -- ANDERSON SAID WE WERE NOT AWARE OF CAUSES OF BREAK BUT OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD NOT APPROVE IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER THE CUTTING OF COMMUNICATIONS WHICH WOULD PREVENT PRESS FROM FUNCTIONING EFFICIENTLY.
- 4. NIGERIAN COUP -- GAVE A BRIEF, FACTUAL SITREP. INGERSOLL

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